

Canadian Census Taken This Year

THE CANADIAN FAMILY
Changes in the number and average size of Canadian families will be revealed by the Ninth Decennial Census of Canada, to be taken in June this year. During the ten years from 1931 to 1941 the average number of children per family decreased. Since 1941 the number of families has risen far more than during the 1930's but it is probable that the average number of children per family has decreased further in spite of a marked increase in the birth rate. Exactly how much, each has changed will be shown by the 1951 census.

The 1951 census enumerated 3,140,000 families, while at the 1941 census 2,625,000 were recorded, an increase of 17.6 per cent. Judging by estimates for years since 1941, the 1951 census will show a still larger proportionate, as well as numerical, increase. In 1941 the estimated number of families in June, 1940, the latest date for which an estimate is available, was 3,187,000, an increase of over 20 per cent.

Regarding the factors in family formation, there has been an average of 2.1 children per family in the period 1941-49 of persons married for the first time, while in the period 1931-40 the yearly average was 1.75. There has also been considerable immigration of families into Canada since the Second World War.

In 1931 there were 4,965,000 children in families, an average of 2.3 per family. In 1941 the number was up to 5,203,000, but the average per family was down to 2.1 children. The reduced 1941 average reflects the lower birth rate of the 1930's, the average birth rate for this period being 20.9 per 1,000 of the population as compared with 24.1 per 1,000 over the period 1926-30.

Since the 1930's the birth rate has risen; for the period 1941-48 the yearly average was 24.9 per 1,000. However, the increase in the 1940's was due largely to the increase in marriages and, consequently, in first and second births, and not to a relative increase in the birth, say, of fourth, fifth and sixth children. Accordingly, while the 1951 census will show a considerably larger number of children in families and of families with children, the average number of children per family is not likely to exceed 2.6 average for 1941.

Civil Defence Warns Danger Atomic Attack

This is the third of a series of articles on taking cover from bombs. Cities are more susceptible to air attack than are the small towns, said Air Vice Marshal G. R. Howsam, Provincial Co-ordinator of Civil Defence.

Air Vice Marshal Howsam said, "It will be remembered that Premier Manning told us, Alberta is unlikely to be selected for mass air attack. The premier also said enemy bombers were likely to pass over Alberta en route to the large industrial centres in the United States. If the enemy bombers are turned back by our fighter squadrons they would want to drop their bomb loads at once, and any handy rural target might be attacked. If a bomber had any choice he would drop his bomb load on industrial targets such as industrial areas where more damage would be caused, said the Provincial Co-ordinator. For this reason city dwellers must take special precaution, he added.

On the other hand, city dwellers have many more neighbors, organized individuals and civil defence units which would rally around to give aid in case of mutual aid or in the event of important keys to survival under air attack," said the Air Marshal.

An explosion likely would damage the upper portion of a house. Therefore, the safest place usually was in the basement against an outside wall. If there is no basement, the lowest part of the house away from windows, would be the safest place.

The Provincial Co-ordinator said municipal civil defence officials will give advice regarding furnaces, hot water pipes, and locating its shelter in close proximity to the basement. Water pipes or some alternative exit. A basement was not essential equipment for the shelter but it could be an aid.

1951 Dodge Regent 4-Door Sedan



The front of the new Dodge is modern and massive, distinctively styled to look longer and lower. Its sleek lines are deftly carried over the chrome. The front window is wider, the corner posts are redesigned for maximum vision, and the new grille and window has been substantially increased. The Dodge Regent is offered as a 4-door sedan and club coupe.

The Dodge Crusader Series also includes a 4-door sedan and club coupe. The Dodge Kingway (117 wheelbase) is available in two-door sedan and station wagon. The popular all-purpose, all-metal Suburban is again a feature of new Dodge showings across Canada. Completely new is the Dodge Suburban's special deluxe edition being introduced this year as the Savoy.

to keep those in the shelter informed and it could be either an electric or battery set. "Remember about windows" said the Air Marshal "Cover them with heavy cardboard, plywood, or even a thick piece of blanket, in order to prevent shattered glass being blown inward."

Lying under a heavy laundry table or work bench is a good form of protection. It would be desirable to have a flash light and a small emergency kit handy.

He again cautioned that only trash, and papers lying around could be a serious fire danger. Fire and explosion were the great dangers of the second Great War. He added that cars would be protected in garages. If left on the street they would be a public hazard because they would delay civil defence work and fire engines and other equipment.

Civil defence rules for apartment dwellers are very similar to those applicable to private homes. However, local civil defence officials will make rulings on the use of shelters in apartments.

Persons living in suites or apartments should have shelters as should those living in private homes.

Air Vice Marshal Howsam said apartment dwellers should use inside stairs when going to the basement because an outside fire escape might be loosened by an explosion or blast. The weight of a person would cause it to collapse.

HIGHER TAXES

Canadians realize that higher taxes are necessary if we are to build up a defence force to what they should be for our protection and for co-operation with other members of the United Nations.

We may grumble a bit about them but we will pay them. But we want to be sure that the money we pay to the government in taxes is being well and properly spent—that we are getting our money's worth.

And that is where our representatives in Ottawa come into the picture. One of the jobs of members of parliament is to know what is going on to see to it that our money is being used to best advantage.

But how can members of parliament keep in touch if they are absent from sessions? Too many of them are defenceless representatives. Any excuse, it appears, is sufficient to keep them from their places in the House of Commons.

It is up to us to let our representatives know that we expect them to do a job for us, to attend every session while parliament is sitting, to watch eagle-eyed the expenditures of our money, to give their best thought and effort to the managing of the nation's business.

If the finance minister is looking for new sources of revenue (and we imagine he is) he might consider the possibility of a system of fines for members of parliament who are missing from their places when the house is in session. That might help keep our representatives on their toes.

Legion W.A. Meel

to sponsor the banquet for the Board of Trade which will be held tomorrow night—Thursday, Feb. 8th. Mrs. J. Bell and Mrs. H. Bogie will convene the banquet.

The following committees were appointed: Standard bearer—Mrs. F. Michael. Sergeant-at-arms—Mrs. N. Sherburne.

Program—Mrs. A. Murray and Mrs. E. Cosmeau.

Birthday cards—Mrs. Varnell. Christmas cards—Mrs. J. Lester.

Press reporter—Mrs. N. A. Riddell. Luncheon officer—Mrs. R. S. Haskayne.

Six committees—Mrs. W. Mathison and Mrs. G. Evans.

A sum of \$100 was voted to the Canadian Legion for coal and other expenses.

Local Hockey Teams Defeated

Two Gleichen hockey teams played in Calgary Saturday and both suffered defeats. Old Sun hockey team lost by a score of 10 to 1, while the Gleichen 6-2. The two Calgary clubs will play a return game this Sunday.

Old Sun lineup: Purcell; Calf, Jerry, Brown, Wilson, Pettit. Subs: Drunken Calf, McCallum, Kidd, McKinnon, Stud Horse, Ray, Easter, Stinson, Melting Tallow and White Elk.

Conners: Wilson, Bassarab, Walker, defence force to what they should be for our protection and for co-operation with other members of the United Nations.

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The Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion held their meeting at 8 o'clock on account of the Board of Trade who will hold their banquet on the regular meeting night of the W.A. in the Legion Hall.

At the meeting, Mr. Harvey Bogie opened the meeting in the usual manner. Under new business a mass discussion it was decided

Operation Spray Power Plant Further Delayed

Cold weather and the resultant depth of frost in the canal embankment has caused further difficulties in the operation of the Spray Lakes power canal. Although the company has made every effort to bring the canal into operation, it has found this not possible until milder weather prevails and the frost comes out of the ground. The company has therefore postponed further work on the project until weather and frost conditions permit. This will delay bringing the new 62,000 h.p. plant into operation.

By releasing stored water now held in the Spray reservoir for immediate use in the Bow River plants to produce additional electrical energy, plus the purchase of steam generated power through its various interconnections, the company believes that no restrictions that will deny inconvenience customer use will be necessary.

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